

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An automatic hitch comprising:
  - (a) a base;
  - (b) a support surface;
  - (c) a jaw assembly connected to said base and having engaged and  
5 disengaged positions;
  - (d) a biasing member associated with said jaw assembly, said biasing member configured to normally bias said jaw assembly downwardly toward said support surface; and
  - (e) a release mechanism configured to apply upward force to said jaw  
10 assembly upon downward actuation of said release mechanism to move said jaw assembly into said disengaged position.
2. The automatic hitch as in claim 1, further comprising a casing configured to house said base.
3. The automatic hitch as in claim 1, wherein said jaw assembly comprises a counterbalance.
4. The automatic hitch as in claim 3, wherein said counterbalance is configured to augment said biasing member.
5. The automatic hitch as in claim 1, wherein said jaw assembly comprises a hook at one end.
6. The automatic hitch as in claim 1, wherein said jaw assembly is pivotally connected to said base.
7. The automatic hitch as in claim 1, wherein said release mechanism comprises a disengaging arm adjacent to one end of said release mechanism.

8. The automatic hitch as in claim 1, wherein said release mechanism comprises an actuation step.

9. The automatic hitch as in claim 1, wherein said release mechanism is pivotally connected to said base.

10. The automatic hitch as in claim 1, wherein said biasing member comprises a spring.

11. An automatic hitch comprising:

(a) a casing;

(b) a base having a support surface;

(c) a jaw assembly pivotally connected to said base and having engaged  
5 and disengaged positions;

(d) a biasing member associated with said jaw assembly, said biasing member configured to normally bias said jaw assembly toward said support surface;  
and

(e) a release mechanism configured to apply upward force to said jaw  
10 assembly upon downward actuation of said release mechanism to move said jaw assembly into said disengaged position.

12. The automatic hitch as in claim 11, wherein said jaw assembly comprises a counterbalance configured to augment said biasing member.

13. The automatic hitch as in claim 11, wherein said release mechanism comprises a disengaging arm adjacent to one end of said release mechanism.

14. The automatic hitch as in claim 11, wherein said release mechanism comprises an actuation step.

15. The automatic hitch as in claim 11, wherein said release mechanism is pivotally connected to said base.

16. The automatic hitch as in claim 11, wherein said biasing member comprises a spring.

17. A method for releasing a tongue from a hitch comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a hitch assembly having a top action jaw assembly in association with a release mechanism;

(b) applying downward force on one end of said release mechanism;

5 (c) creating an upward force on opposite end of said release mechanism;  
and

(d) applying said upward force to said jaw assembly to move said jaw assembly to a disengaged position.

18. The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of providing a biasing member providing a normally downward bias to said jaw assembly.

19. The method of claim 17, wherein said step of applying downward force is provided via an actuation step.